

**Amendments to the Abstract**

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-- In the field of data storage on limited rewritability storage media, handling frequently changing databases may lead to unequal wear of storage segments. The invention discloses a method for modifying a database file (~~31~~), which ensures maximally distributed segment wear in that any writing of data records (~~D1...D8~~) uses a next available segment after the last written segment (~~S2, S4~~); and a reading method. A data carrier according to the method, containing a database file with records having version numbers is also disclosed.

~~Fig. 10.~~ --